

# ANSI/ASSP Z10-2019: Planning

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) publish the ANSI/ASSP Z10.0-2019 standard, Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems (OHSMS). ANSI Z10 offers organizations a strategy for improving safety and health performance. Planning is an element of the ANSI Z10 standard. The Planning element ensures your organization has a plan in place for initially assessing your OHSMS, identifying OHSMS issues and opportunities, and prioritizing these issues.



- **Collect** information on identified OHSMS hazards, risks, and issues
- **Analyze** information for contributing factors
- **Identify** root causes for each issue
- **Assign** priority to each issue
- **Propose** solutions
- **Take** action

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You must conduct an initial review of your OHSMS against ANSI Z10 criteria. Become familiar with the ANSI Z10 criteria, form a team to conduct the review, and assess your organization against the criteria. Look at both external and internal factors (e.g., weather, public perception, nearby hazardous operations, operational processes, hazard controls, contractor activities). Identify OHSMS issues (e.g., hazards, risks, management system deficiencies) impacting your organization and opportunities for improvement. Use the list of OHSMS issues and opportunities as a baseline for ongoing OHSMS implementation and sustainment activities.

Your organization needs to continually assess OHSMS hazards and risks after the initial review. Determine the root causes and contributing factors of each OHSMS issues, then prioritize the issues and document the priority level.

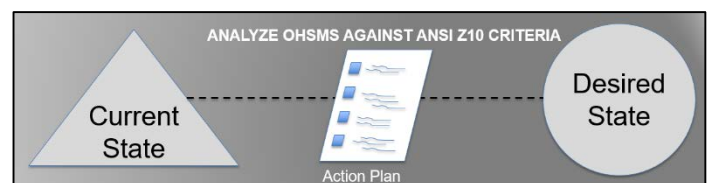


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Establish OHSMS objectives and targets to drive your OHSMS forward. Set objectives to help your organization reach milestones to implement OHSMS criteria. As you write the objectives, make sure they align with the organization's intended direction for your OHSMS.

Take action to address OHSMS issues at your organization. Develop implementation plans to identify needed resources and assign responsibility and timelines. Document the actions taken and track the completion of each implementation plan. Revise plans and related OHSMS objectives and targets, as needed.

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